



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

## Central Texas Chapter

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### President's Message:

*Our area received a record-breaking deluge of rain at the end of October. Some areas south of Austin were adversely affected by flooding and incurred extensive damage as a result. I hope the impact to you and your families was an absolute minimum. We can always use the rain in Central Texas; however we don't want it to come with the price of hardship and property damage.*

How incredible was falling back an hour on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> for Daylight Savings Time? My oldest daughter and I had returned home late Halloween night after a Marching Band Competition in San Antonio. We were so caught up with the day's events that the extra hour completely escaped me...until morning when I needed it most! I rolled over and saw that the time on my cell phone and alarm clock were an hour off. Why could this be? Ha, ha, ha!

With Daylight Savings Time comes earlier darkness in our day, perhaps some needed adjustments in our daily routines and yes, the holidays are ramping up momentum when we weren't looking.

I run when I can...because I LOVE to eat! I prefer to 'get it over with' early in the day so its impact on my family's activities is minimal. Running when it's dark outside requires me to dress differently and wear lighter colors for visibility sake. I also clip on a red blinking light (intended for cycling) to make me virtually impossible to miss. When our dog joins me, her highly reflectorized leash and collar adds to our collective nighttime spectacle. The 'steps' I need to take for safety do not end there. Just because I ensure great visibility to early morning commuters, I still need to exercise caution where I run, how I cross intersections and the risks I take when I share the road and sidewalk with others.

**No matter what we do at work and home, there is always a safe approach and a 'not so safe' approach. Plan accordingly, anticipate the dangers and be a positive example to others.**

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years are right around the corner. How did this happen?

In a similar theme, exercising safety couldn't come at a better time! We become so fixated on finding the ideal turkey, the perfect gift, the *stunningest* party outfit and the shiniest holiday decorations that we often lose sight of the

added traffic on the roads, the jammed parking lots, the hurried pace at the stores and...where did common courtesy go?? I think we'd all prefer the holidays to be safe and enjoyable. **Plan ahead, allow extra time, shop earlier before the crowds arrive and most of all...take a deep breath and relaaaaaax.** I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving! What will you be most thankful for?

Our One-Day Professional Development Conference entitled "Improving your Return to Work Program" is coming in just over a month! We will have an agenda packed with experts in this field. If you haven't already committed to joining us, reconsider and come for the sessions planned as well as the capability building and professional networking! We will not have a December Chapter Meeting, so I hope to see you all at the PDC on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at UT's Pickle Campus!

I was so happy to see FORTY-FOUR of you at our October chapter meeting! **Joann Natarajan** from the Austin Area OSHA Office always packs them in for her Regulatory Update! We fundraised for the ASSE Foundation because "**THE CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER LOVES SAFETY!**". "I LOVE SAFETY" T-shirts were available for purchase during the meeting from the student chapters. Perhaps they will return to our November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting for purchase?!?

See you on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at DPR! Bring a friend to the meeting and a couple bucks for our esteemed ASSE Foundation!

See you soon!  
Steven Jablon, CSP

### Monthly Topic

Topic: BCSP Certifications (Education, Experience and Examinations)  
Date: Monday, November 16, 2015  
Location: DPR Construction, 9606 North Mopac, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78759.  
Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm

**Please RSVP by Thursday, for accurate lunch count.**

### Topic Overview:

Do you know the difference between a "Certification" and a "Certificate"? Well, come join us and learn about all of the

different types of Certifications you can earn as a safety professional.

The Certified Safety Professional (CSP) has been in operation for more than 40 years with over 25,000 CSP's certified during that time. There are many different certifications that you can acquire (OHST, CHST, GSP, STS, ASP and more.)

**Speaker Robert Hites** is the founder and CEO of Forethought Consulting Incorporated, which provides leadership development, safety, and emergency response/disaster planning assistance to both the government and private sectors. He is a Certified Safety Professional and a licensed aviation mechanic.

His background includes managing a variety of business aspects consisting of quality, emergency planning, emergency response, environmental compliance, aviation and occupational safety, aviation maintenance, aviation security, and information technology.

Robert has led a team of safety professionals from the air transport industry in developing and publishing fall protection standards for the Air Transport Association. He also serves on the OLS-EHS Industrial Advisory Board at Purdue University Calumet, is board member of Sights Unseen, a co-founder of the American Forum for African Issues, and an organizer of the annual Contemporary African Issues Conference.

He continues to be an active member of several professional organizations including the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Sons of the American Revolution and American Veterans. Robert has served in the United States Army National Guard for over 28 years. As an enlisted soldier, he obtained Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) in aircraft maintenance, communications and medical service. Robert has been recognized with various military awards including the Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, and several Joint awards.

Robert's formal education includes a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Business Administration from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach Florida and an Associate of Applied Science in Maintenance Technology from Clayton College and State University in Morrow Georgia.

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## Recognizing Our New Members October/November 2015

### 2015 Graduates

James King	John Swain	Teri Kizer
Morgan Corpening	Albert Wratten	Gary Moore
Kevin Kennedy	Rebecca Giamona	Julie Naillon
Emily Rejcek		

### New Members

Christopher Williams	Joshua Bradley	Rick Downs
Doyle Weldon	Eric Slape	

### New Student Members

Pricilla Walker	Kayla Musser	Adam Azmy
William Domanque	Casey Strong	Jake Marek
Jason Lehrmann	Trent Underwood	Faison Echols
Tracy Underwood	G'Nita Wright	

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The Leadership Conference was a success. The Leadership Conference brings together safety professionals from around the world. Here are Daniel Osadiaye and Rita Obayojie from the Global Region Chapter Nigeria. It was so great to meet them.



Here are some comments from ASSE members:

*"The ASSE Leadership Conference at Hamburger University exceeded my expectations. From the networking, to the concurrent sessions, to Region Night Out, to Harry Kraemer the Saturday AM Keynote, I have no complaints other than...I wish I was able to participate BEFORE I was an ASSE officer! You'd need a shoehorn to cram more into a two-day conference than ASSE! "Do you want to WATCH the movie or...BE IN the movie?""*

Steven Jablon, CSP  
Coca-Cola Refreshments  
Central Texas Chapter President  
Deputy Region III Vice President

*"The 2015 ASSE Leadership Conference was 3 days of networking, learning, and fun. Howard Schultz says "When you're surrounded by people who share a passionate commitment around a common purpose, anything is possible." and never has that quote felt more true than when surrounded by passionate ASSE leaders at this year's conference."*

Allison Long, HSE Consultant (Region I)  
Advanced Chemical Transport

*"It was my first Leadership Conference and I wasn't sure what to expect. I learned that many of the Officers face similar Chapter issues like gaining new members and engaging them in Chapter business and functions. I took home a few ideas to implement on attracting new members. A discussion of the challenges of drug testing led directly to dealing with the*

*growing issue of legalizing Marijuana, which may eventually affect all states. I look forward to the next Leadership Conference. One of the biggest take-aways is now having more Safety Professionals to consult-with on any Safety related issues."*

Frank Taylor, CSP Safety Specialist  
Secretary, NM ASSE, Reg. II  
Clover Leaf Solutions, LLC.



ASSE is hosting a two-day Construction Safety Symposium, featuring industry experts discussing the latest safety practices, innovation and risk management thinking.

### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

#### **Flawless Execution: Always the Goal!**

In this high-impact keynote presentation, Black Ops Navy SEALs will reveal how they selected, trained, planned, led and flawlessly executed their missions all over the globe; sharing tools and techniques SEAL teams use to thrive and survive in rapidly changing and hostile environments. Learn methods to leverage those same tools and incredible process to drive initiative, accountability and achievement in your construction safety operations, anytime, anywhere.

### GENERAL SESSION

#### **Protecting Construction Workers with Overlapping Vulnerabilities**

In this presentation, learn how this combination of risk factors may result in overlapping vulnerabilities for workers in the construction industry. You will take away a conceptual model on reduction of illnesses for at-risk groups and use these strategies for the design and implementation of safety programs and occupational safety and health interventions.

#### **Falls: The Greatest Challenge**

With the changes of fall protection the more powerful solutions have emerged and Mr. Kramer will discuss the latest equipment advances, the practical/evolving methods for reducing falls, interplay of ANSI fall protection standards and Prevention through Design techniques.

#### **The New OSHA Confined Space Standard: What's Required?**

OSHA's Updated rule on Confined Spaces in Construction, 1926.1200, has finally been published by OSHA. Learn the

difference in new standard from previous proposed version and how it compares to the existing General Industry 1910.146 Permit Required Confined Space Standard, as well as the ANSI Z117 standard for entry into confined spaces. Learn to identifying a confined space in construction, learn requirements for both owner of the site and employer entering the confined space, how to operate the permit system that will be critical for entries, and strategize to overcome the challenges that rescue will present to those entering confined spaces.

### Webinars:

EHS Daily Advisor Title: HazCom and PSM Standards for Petrochemical Organizations: Practical Strategies on How to Comply with New Requirements

Date: November 19, 2015  
Time: 2:00pm (EST)  
Duration: 1 hour  
Sponsored by: BIOVIA

Free webcast November 19 - how to ensure that your company is compliant with the new HazCom directive and receive an overview of key PSM standard changes—with emphasis on the impact they'll have on the petrochemical industry.

- Definitions for essential terms, including RAGAGEP and “proximate” on expanded PSM boundaries
- The likely impact OSHA’s soon-to-be published proposed rule on addressing proposed PSM standard changes will have on your industry
- How to stay out of OSHA’s enforcement “strike zone” by ensuring compliance with the new HazCom directive
- Practical chemical management challenges and solutions, and much more!

### Register Today:

<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=reg20.jsp&partnerref=EHSDA1105&eventid=1063034&sessionid=1&key=7046BC5A81B5D0F5B61F380A095D987F&regTag=&sourcepage=register>



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## Professional Development Opportunities



### 2015 ASSE Central Texas Chapter PDC



Registration is **NOW OPEN** for our own exciting one-day PDC entitled; **“Improving Your Return To Work Program”**.

Follow this [link](#) for more information! Mark your calendar, plan to come and bring a colleague or two!

**Location:** JJ Pickle Research Center  
10100 Burnet Road, Austin, TX. 78758  
**Date:** December 3, 2015  
**Time:** 9:00am – 5:00pm  
**Price:** \$80.00

### Employment Opportunities:

#### **Featured:**

Divisional HS&E Director  
B&G Crane Service, LLC Baytown, TX

Sr. Loss Control Specialist  
Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company Chicago, IL

Loss Control Consultant  
AmTrust North America Remote,

Sr. Loss Control Specialist - NW Iowa / SW Minnesota  
Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company IA

#### **For a complete list of ALL available jobs:**

[http://jobs.asse.org/home/index.cfm?site\\_id=15777](http://jobs.asse.org/home/index.cfm?site_id=15777)

### Volunteer Opportunities:

The Central Texas Chapter of ASSE is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of chapter volunteers and operates under chapter by-laws approved by the ASSE. Chapter Officers and Board Members are elected or appointed to one-year terms. All members are encouraged to volunteer for board or committee positions.

For more information and volunteer opportunities for this chapter please contact:

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